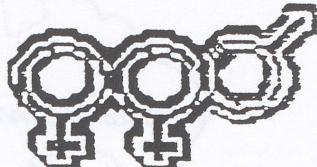


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#### STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

*National BIWAYS* is produced by the Australian Bisexual Network to inform its audience about social, political and personal issues relevant to bisexuality, to provide a forum for exchanging opinions and sharing experiences, to link up with and support geographically or socially isolated bisexual people, to foster the Bisexual Movement in Australia and to help build a diverse multicultural community of bisexual and bi-friendly people in Australia.

ABN realises that bisexuality is inextricably linked to other identities (gender, race, class, etc). Our intention is that *National BIWAYS* will represent a broad spectrum of bisexual voices and images. We are committed to taking an active role in building a multicultural bisexual community free of racism, sexism, classism, homophobia and other forms of oppression.

Through self-examination and through the contents of the newsletter, we will challenge our own racism, classism, sexism (and our own biphobia) as well as that of others. We will work to create a supportive bisexual community and to promote equality and understanding for bisexual people in both the heterosexual and the lesbian/gay communities. We regard ourselves as part of a larger sexual minority (queer) community, a gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community, and consider the fight for lesbian and gay rights to be our own. We advocate the recognition, inclusion and involvement of bisexual people in all existing gay and lesbian communities, in lesbian and gay politics and in HIV/AIDS issues, research and education.

We are sex-positive, recognising that we live under increasing sexual oppression. We support sex education for its own sake. We advocate the distribution of information and resources to halt the spread of HIV/AIDS, STDs and unwanted pregnancies. We supports the rights of people with HIV/AIDS to be free of discrimination, to have access to information, housing and quality medical care and treatments.

We seek to expand, not constrain, the definitions of bisexual and we respect the right of the individual to define her/his own self-definition, identity and type of relationship(s), free from any social, political, religious or economic coercion. We acknowledge the right of partners, particularly female partners of bisexual men, to quality non-judgemental counselling and health services if needed, to greater understanding by all communities and to honesty in their relationship.

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## EDITORIAL.

Welcome once again to National BIWAYS. So we have a Federal election on March 13th and it looks like a cliff-hanger for the two major parties. This is probably the first election for some time where there has been some difference between the policies of Labor and the Liberal/National Coalition. One thing is for sure, regardless of which candidate or party you vote for in the House of Representatives on the 13th only Labor or the Liberal/National Coalition can win government. If the Liberals and Nationals win we will have a 15% Goods & Services Tax, private health insurance forced on many, industrial turmoil, no reconciliation with the indigenous people or land rights, a return to raping of our natural resources including mining in National Parks, a reinstatement of the ban on homosexual and bisexual people in the defence forces and much more. If Labour wins we may have more of what we have experienced over the past 10 years. Unemployment and economic growth are not going to get better in the short term regardless of who gets in. Other things however will change some for better, some for worse. It is my opinion that should a Liberal/National Coalition be elected on March 13th, many of us will be worse off and Australia the poorer for it. I am not talking about money either.

To safe guard against the excesses of either Labor or the Liberal/National Coalition we need to select very carefully the Senate candidates we will vote for. Give your Senate Votes to the candidates of any of these parties as they can protect us, our standards, Medicare, the Environment, plants and animals, Aboriginal & Islander rights, gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender rights:- Australian Democrats, The Greens, the Democratic Socialists, Green Democratic Alliance and the Indigenous Peoples Party. Some Independents also support issues like those raised above. Then give your preference to Labor before the Liberals and Nationals. Only this will ensure an honest and fair government regardless of a Labor or Coalition win.

Make your vote count on March 13th.

*Wayne* +

## LIVE IN BUNBURY OR ITS NEIGHBOURING DISTRICTS IN THE SOUTH WEST OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA?

Well if you do and you would like to become involved in a social group for bisexual women and men, we would like to hear from you. One of our members, Jacqui, who lives just outside of Bunbury City would like to see a social group establish in the area.

Write to ABN with your address and/or telephone number and we will put you in touch with her. We already have several bi men and women in the area so we already have a nice nucleus for a Bunbury & Districts Bisexual Group.

## QUEENSLAND BISEXUAL NETWORK.

### CAIRNS BISEXUAL GROUP.

QBN is hopeful that a Cairns Bisexual Group may form in that city in the near future. If you live in Cairns or the surrounding districts and would like be a part of a social group, contact QBN through the ABN address or contact the people at Gay Waves FM in Cairns on any Sunday night.

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**Don't be Silent on  
March 13th**

**MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT**



**Gay and Lesbian Rights Lobby**

From *Courier Mail* March 1993

From *Courier Mail* 6 March 1993.

## Poem tells of prisoner's anguish

PRISONER Brendan Law pre-empted his death in an emotional poem written to a friend five days before his suicide.

The poem paints a forlorn picture of his life.

Law, 26, was found hanging from a bedsheets in his cell in the Arthur Gorrie Correctional Centre on Monday at 5.30pm.

Law, a homosexual, sought treatment after being raped twice in the jail.

He also wanted a sex-change operation and specialist advice to deal with his gender identity crisis.

Sources have told The Courier-Mail that Law warned jail officials he would kill himself unless he received specialist treatment while on remand on armed robbery charges.

Law's poem, *Farewell to my Dearest Friend*, was written on February 25.

Why has life been so cruel to me?  
With heartaches that never let me be.  
It has been one problem after another.  
It doesn't seem worth all the bother.

First of all my father died.  
Then I was raped twice inside.  
Now they say I may have cancer.  
Is my death the final answer?

It's true I could have tried harder.  
Yet I didn't claim to be a martyr.  
What's happened to my fair share?  
Does anybody really care?

How long do I have to live?  
What more do I possibly have to give?  
Does anybody anywhere love me?  
Will I die before I can get free?

So many questions now come to mind.  
Answers that I cannot seem to find.  
When I'm gone will I be mourned?  
Or shall my death pass by ignored?

Now as life's clock counts down my love,  
I ask "does the punishment fit the crime?"  
As I don't know when or why,  
I guess I will just say goodbye.

But before I die I wish to say  
That my love for you will never fade away.  
Even though I may soon be gone,  
My love is eternal and will live on.

You are so special to me,  
And you will always will be.  
Long after I am dead,  
Remember these words now said.

No one deserves to be raped. We reproduce Brendan's poem here as a tribute to Brendan Law. We urge the Queensland Government to fully investigate all aspects of the charges made by Brendan prior to his death and his subsequent suicide in Arthur Gorrie Correctional Centre.

## BISEXUALS AT MARDI GRAS.

Most of you would have seen or heard coverage of the 1993 Lesbian and Gay Mardi Gras Festival and Parade on television, radio or in the press if not in person. The Festival was held over the month of February with a huge range of cultural and sporting activities. The Parade and Party on the 27th were the culmination of the month long festivities for the lesbian and gay community in Sydney. It was a chance to show their pride, their culture, their diversity, their courage and their imagination. The crowd lining the streets from Elizabeth Street, up Oxford and Anzac and along to the Show Grounds was estimated to be close to 500,000 people of all ages, nationalities and orientations. Over 110 floats and groups were in the Parade which took almost 3 hours from the start at 9.00pm until the last float reached the Show Grounds. At 9.30pm there was a "minutes noise" replacing last year's "minutes silence" to remember those who have died of AIDS.

I had gone to Sydney to take part in what was my second Mardi Gras Parade. In 1991 I was there marching with an ACT UP (Perth) placard. This time I was there to march with the Bisexuals. Yes, Bisexuals in the Mardi Gras Parade for the very first time, well visible bisexuals. I had brought along with me from Brisbane the Australian Bisexual Network banner declaring "BISEXUALS ARE EVERYWHERE". It was to be an historic occasion. I met up with the member of Love Is Boundless (LIB) in Park Street at 7.30pm where they were putting the final touches to their float. They were number 107 in the Parade. There were about 25 of us bisexuals, friends and transgenders but mostly bisexuals. There were even two bi girls from Brisbane.



I asked some of those present why they had come to participate in the Mardi Gras Parade and why on the LIB float? Here are their responses:-

**TANYA**...."In the past whenever I have gone in the Mardi Gras Parade I have usually been with Dykes On Bikes. Although those women are very good friends of mine and I always sort of associated with them, I'm really glad we got a bisexual group happening because we never had one before. I have never really felt, like, that I was as closely associated with the dykes On Bikes as the rest of the women and in a sense I kind of felt like I was on the outside but sort of allowed to be there because I was a friend of some of the women. But now I feel I am in a group that's got a purpose and that has got more meaning for me than anything I've been involved with before."

**TOBY**...."On a float would be or around a float would be much more fun than watching it go past. I've actually missed it for the past few years. Coming along this year, may as well do something active instead of just standing around and watching." [Why did you choose the LIB float?]...."Have friends on it."

**MAX**...."Support the freedom of sexuality, there are no bounds in sexuality. It's a fluid continuum through gay and bisexual and straight. Everyone should be able to integrate into the community without prejudice."

**ASHLEY**...."Break the chains, break the cycle. It is in me. I cannot get that (bisexuality) out of me. I can't. It's what you believe. If you believe in something you should do it. Follow instinct."

(What sort of thing do you have to say to other bisexuals or to lesbians or gays?)

"I think inside the gay and lesbian community there is discrimination about bisexuality. They (lesbians and gay men) think we're not either one, do you know what I mean, we are not gay, we are not lesbian, we are just on the fence hovering around."

"I'm 21. I've felt these feelings (of being bisexual) for 6 years, you know, sexuality in those teenage years."

"Gay men and lesbians only seem to like one sex, the same sex, where bisexual, you like both. You're not, you know, not saying you hate men or you hate women, like lesbians and gay men tend to do."

"I am bisexual because the feminine and masculine traits are very strong in me and I like to make that balanced out. That's why I am bisexual."



APHRODITE....."I am a member of the group. I haven't been going to meetings for sometime but that's only because I work at night. I feel it is a very good thing that there is a bisexual group now. Just show that I exist."

LISA....."I think it is very important for bisexuals to get involved in the queer community."

MARIA....."I think it is important because bisexuals like gays are an oppressed section of the community and of course they need to say we are here and that they exist in the community and be accepted."

JASON....."I think that maybe bisexuals are caught in the middle, because, well, not belonging to one side or the other side, exclusively, its easy to feel left out." (On the question of including the word bisexual or all using the word queer) "It is good to be able to identify with one group but it is also good not to have those separate clics.."

MORGAN....."I think that bisexuals might have got themselves a bit of a nasty name in the last few years because of bisexual men being implicated in the spread of AIDS or HIV. Myself personally, I've just picked up on the idea within the last few years really. (So you want to show the positive side tonight rather than the negative so often seen in the media?) "Yes that's right. Bisexuality is not purely a sexual thing, a sexual identity, it can be something more than that. I don't think I can really explain it that well now. There is something more to it than just sex. I think that some people find it a way of expressing themselves outside of that sexual relationship. It doesn't have to be that important. Whether its fucking or playing golf, some things don't command a whole lot of importance. I think sex is one of those. But it is just a way of expressing outside the norm."

JAMES....."I think initially because my flat mates are here, but, I support bisexuals, that's another reason I am here. I support the pride of a group to show some solidarity and reconciliation with the people around us."

It is great to see bisexual people being visible, 'out' and speaking out. It is also good to see their friends there supporting them. One can only hope this is the beginning of a bisexual awakening with bisexual women, men and friends participating in future Mardi Gras parades and similar pride events in Adelaide, Brisbane, Perth, Melbourne and Hobart during 1993.

As we proceeded along the route of the parade we received applause and cheers from the crowd but several people stood out from the rest. They yelled out such things as, "great to see bisexuals in Mardi Gras at last", 'bisexuals good on you' and others showed their support and solidarity with handshakes, hugs and other gestures, even some of the drag queens and boy/girl couples in the parade and crowd. At the end of the parade, all of us were still buzzing from the thrill of the whole event and the positive responses. I was lucky I am now working again because I had bought a ticket and was then able to go to the Party to join about 17,000 others and what a time it was.

Congratulations to all those from LIB who put time into the float and for participating. Other bisexuals were also involved with and marched with the Queer Collaborations student contingent. Diversity is our asset. Keep it up. Keep it loud and keep being seen.

LESBIAN      HETEROSEXUAL      GAY  
BI      BI      BI  
PRESSURE      NECESSITY      PRESSURE

I'm a  
Transsexual  
BISEXUAL  
get use to it

## COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS .

Dear ABN,

I am writing to your newsletter with some information on a Gay/Bi service which many people may not be aware of. What I am speaking about is Computer Bulletin Boards. There are thousands of these boards around the world and several in Queensland and Australia that are primarily gay/bi orientated or cater for us. Available on these BBSs are mail on any (legal) topic under the sun and these "message echos" as they are called go around the country and around the world. You are free to chat, join in existing conversations or start new ones. The use of an alias is allowed if you'd rather not reveal your identity to the world. Other services available are news and activities updates from around the country, several publications, ie Melbourne/Sydney Star Observer [newspapers] are available on-line, there are match maker programs. Of course these boards also cater to computer buffs - its not all sexual! Adult images (pictures), catering to all tastes are also available to adult users of these systems. (Not on all BBSs)

How do you connect up with the BBS world? You will need a computer, a modem, a telephone and the communications software. It is very simple in reality and people should not be put off by a lack of understanding of computers.

The BBSs in Queensland which cater to gay/bi people are all "hidden". This means that what may appear as an innocuous BBS in fact will have gay/bi areas which are hidden from the general user for obvious reasons. There are not many open gay/bi BBSs in Australia. To gain access to these areas you normally need an "introduction". One tip however, a lot of BBSs have adult themes and often a bit of prompting to the sysop (person who runs the BBS) of your interests will either cause him/her to give you phone numbers of BBSs that cater to gay/bi people. Some BBSs charge for the service, usually a nominal fee of \$20-\$50 for a years access. This covers the cost of sending you mail around the world. Most, however, are free, at least to a certain level. Most sysops are friendly, discreet and full of information. It is fun, very informative and a great way to meet people. I recommend it to all.

I hope you find this information useful and interesting and please don't hesitate to contact me if you require any additional info!

PS. If you are interested I can also "advertise" your publication Australia wide on the BBS network (for free of course). Let me know.

G. Robinson  
Brisbane, Qld.

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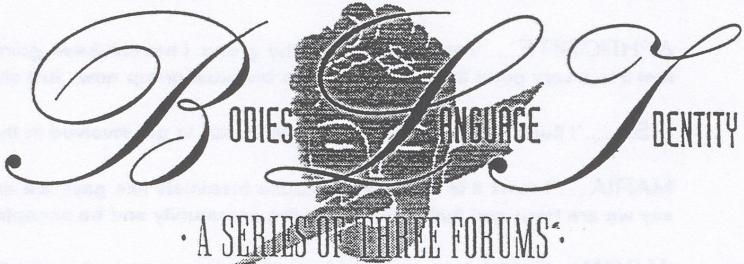
We urgently need volunteers to train as Telephone Counsellors.

We are aiming to providing a support, information and referral service for Bi-sexual people and their partners.

This project is an initiative of the Queensland AIDS Council.

Please phone Ian Riddell on (07) 844 1990 for more information about this essential service.

LESBIAN AND GAY PRIDE COLLECTIVE PRESENTS



WEDNESDAYS  
3RD MARCH - BODIES  
17TH - LANGUAGE  
31ST MARCH - IDENTITY

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- WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBILITY
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Lesbian and Gay Pride Collective meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month at Women's Legal Service, 30 Thomas Street, West End at 7.00pm

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boy + girl  
does not only equal  
straight  
THINK BI

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR NATIONAL AIDS BULLETIN

Dear Adrian,

I have read with interest a number of articles on bisexually active men, men who have sex with men (and women), and bisexuality in general that have appeared in the *National AIDS Bulletin* over the past twelve months. I have also read many of the reports that these articles have been based on. As the voluntary co-ordinator of the Australian Bisexual Network, the national body for bisexual groups and people in Australia, I felt this might well be the time to inform staff and readers of our existence. The ABN has evolved out of one of the resolutions that was made at the National Bisexual Conference. The ABN has adopted the resolutions that were made at the Conference and drawn up a statement of principles which appears on the inside cover of its newsletter, *National BiWAYS*. I would like to convey the main resolutions to the readers of the *National AIDS Bulletin* with the hope that they will adopt them into the policies of organisations and projects they may be associated with. They read ---

1. That bisexuality is a positive and valid form of human sexuality;
2. Recognise and respect the diversity of sexual (and bisexual) expression by people in society;
3. That bisexual people have the right to form and develop the type of relationship/s of their choice and that they are valid and deserve respect;
4. Reject the form of labelling and pigeon-holing of people by society at large, and affirm the right of the individual to choose what label (if any) best meets their own needs;
5. Recognise, foster and endorse the need of the Bisexual Movement in Australia to assert a "bisexual community identity" to counter forces that would keep bisexual people invisible, silent and closeted;
6. That discrimination and biphobia directed towards bisexual people by heterosexuals, gay men and lesbians are unacceptable and need addressing by the Community;
7. Reject the scape-goating of all bisexuals as AIDS risks, particularly that directed towards bisexual men. It is not a bisexual orientation that poses a risk of HIV transmission but the unsafe behaviours of people regardless of sexual orientation, gender, race, class, etc.;
8. That a share of the resources for HIV/AIDS prevention, education, support and research in relation to bisexual people and their partners, be directed towards bisexual and female partner groups in the community;
9. That bisexual women be considered in all HIV/AIDS prevention and education campaigns by government and non-government AIDS agencies because of their unique relationship to bisexual and gay men;
10. That AIDS Councils and other HIV/AIDS agencies actively recruit bisexual people for employment and work associated with campaigns and research that target bisexual people;
11. That the special needs of all partners of bisexual people (male and female) be addressed by agencies in the health and social welfare industries. The special needs of female partners of bisexually active men must be recognised and not down played in favour of the man;
12. That bisexual people and groups be consulted in the development of policies, campaigns, research and the provision of services relating to bisexual people;
13. That bisexual men be included in ethics committees monitoring research that focuses upon bisexual, gay and other homosexually/bisexually active men;
14. That bisexual people be included and employed in the process of designing research, running research projects, and the interpretation and dissemination of research data;
15. That the word "bisexual" be included in educational material, campaigns, the gay and lesbian media and groups, not as a token measure, but to truely reflect the fact that bisexual women and men are 'out' and in the community. Silence leads to our invisibility.

The Australian Bisexual Network and affiliated state groups will endeavour to address issues that have an impact on the images and lifestyles of bisexual people and their partners. We endeavour to provide bisexual people social, informative, supportive and political networks and groups. Your recognition and support can help us reach many more socially and geographically isolated bisexual people, to foster the bisexual movement in Australia and promote pride in self and respect for others.

Wayne Roberts  
Co-ordinator  
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*Wayne Roberts*

23 Feb 1993

DEVELOPING BISEXUAL PRIDE & BUILDING A BISEXUAL MOVEMENT IN AUSTRALIA

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....NSW -- Adrian (02) 888 9856; Norrie (02) 558 6517....

## BISEXUALITY: WHAT THEY'VE SAID.

We have reproduced various articles and letters from the gay press on bisexuality and bisexuals. It is interesting to note that even where the author was bisexual themself, articles were cropped or the title imposed by the gay editors. It is good to see bisexuality getting a mention and generating debate within the gay and lesbian community. I trust recognition of the authors and publications will be sufficient.

# Double Lives

If you thought bisexuals are repressed homosexuals who won't admit the truth, think again. A growing number of very *real* bisexuals are standing up to be counted

*Words by Aidy Griffin*

*Photography by Marion Moore*

**USA:** The national march on Washington for gay and lesbian rights will be held on April 25th. The focuses of the march, supported by a broad spectrum of the lesbian and gay community, include the repeal of anti-sodomy laws and all laws restricting private sexual expression between consenting adults, passage of a Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Bill, a genuine national commitment to the fight against AIDS, the right to control our own bodies, an end to attempts to censor images of gays and lesbians and the call for an executive order banning anti-gay discrimination in the government, including in the military.

### THE 1993 MARCH ON WASHINGTON



From Queensland Pride  
March 1993.

Hey where is the  
mention of the  
Bi Community  
in the article .

**S**ir Michael Redgrave was bisexual. So was the French writer, Colette. So is our own Cindy Pastel. Sigmund Freud claimed that all humans were naturally bisexual. Woody Allen joked that being bisexual doubled your chances of a date on a Saturday night.

But it is not all a bed of roses for the bisexuals in our community; in fact many complain of discrimination and prejudice from the two quarters they wouldn't expect: the gay and lesbian communities. As a result, a support group for bisexual people was recently set up in Sydney and is meeting regularly. A national network is being planned.

Up to 40 people attend the Sydney group meetings, from a diverse mixture of ages and backgrounds. Intelligent articulate people with coherent agendas. Stereotypes of middle-aged men cruising beats for 15 minutes of illicit bliss are instantly dismissed.

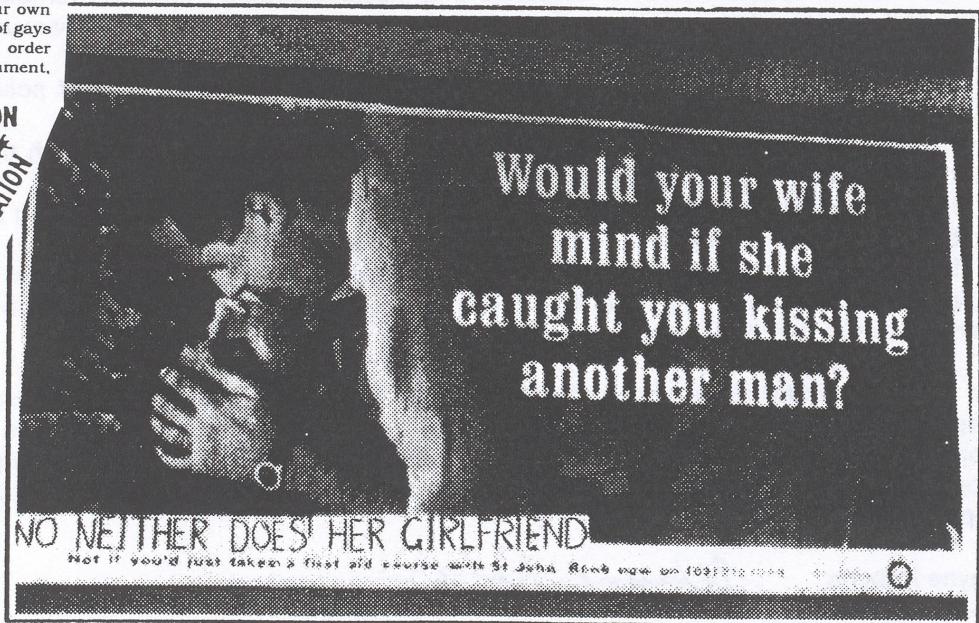
To be openly bi, according to group members, is to risk exclusion from both the gay and straight worlds. Many gays see bisexuals as inhibited gays who have yet to Come Out; others note a lack of commitment. Among straights, anyone admitting to same-sex relationships can be stigmatised for life. Gays think they're straight and straights think they're gay. The worst of both worlds?

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### DYKE GRAFFITI STRIKES IN GLEBE.

A billboard in Sydney which attracted the attention of both the gay and straight media and the moralists has been targeted by lesbians. The billboard was designed to promote a first aid course for St John Ambulance. The graffiti reads, "No neither does her girlfriend". Well by the original caption of, "Would your wife mind if she caught you kissing another man?", at least one of the men could be considered to be bisexual. With the added caption, we could now assume that his wife is also bisexual. So was it dyke graffiti or bisexual graffiti?



*Dyke Grafitti strikes in Glebe*

From LOTL March 1993.

MONOGAMY  
BI  
CHOICE



Kate and Adrian

From Campaign February 1993.

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The advent of HIV/AIDS has not helped either: Bis are suspected by straights of spreading the virus into the straight world. But in the past, AIDS education programs have been mainly directed at the gay community.

## Strange Bedfellows

Recently, bis and radical transsexuals have struck up an intriguing alliance. Squeezed between opposing sexualities and genders, both groups resent their invisibility and exclusion from the gay and lesbian communities. They are trying to break down rigid divisions, and increase understanding.

Adrian Millar, a philosophy and linguistics student, is one of the founders of the bisexual group. He speaks softly, with lots of pauses, and he's fond of understatement. He projects an air of freshness and earnestness.

"I came out as gay when I was 19 and the reaction was extremely aggressive. My father said if I was there ... he probably would have killed me. (Now) he's been far more compromising. When I had a boyfriend, I'd always bring it up - they'd never ask about him. Now that I'm going out with a woman, every time they ring me up it's "How's Anna? Say hello to Anna for us" (laughs). That does hurt and it's only lately that I've adjusted to that, to not feel a sort of aggression.

"I did all the things I thought I had to do to prove I was gay. I changed my hair, my clothes. I was thinking very much in terms of 'convince them'. I was convinced myself. I did think about men, and I was attracted to them - I did find my eyes lingering on men's buttocks and yearning to see what's in the pants. It was quite liberating at the time.

"I found myself consistently not being able to fulfil that category, but the most destructive thing was still fantasising about women. My (gay) partner was unapproachable about those fantasies and I was on my own. I don't know what it was but I could just not overcome it. It was as simple as that. It came to the point where I had to admit it - that this was what I found appealing now.

"Sometimes the dreams I'd have would be filled with sexual encounters with women, and men as well, but the

*From Campaign February 1993.*

women stood out as most unsettling, and also some of the fantasies I found I was having when I was having sex with men (laughs). So that was something that led to my rethinking my sexuality."

After six months of indecision, a near fatal bout of hepatitis B brought things to a head: "When I got better I was a real campaigner for 'I'm going to live my life the way I want to live it'. I found myself forced to confront my partner about it. His reaction was: 'Well, I don't care what you do in the privacy of your own room, just don't bring it into the bedroom with me. And don't expect me to do anything with *women*'. "Again, the problem was ignored. I thought he's not accepting me for who I am, it's being consistently denied, and I don't think I can put up with that."

## Change of Identity

Inevitably, the relationship died, and with it, Adrian's gay identity. Now openly bisexual, he met Anna, his current partner who is also bi. Both are active in the bi group which they see as a mixture of politics and fun. The creation of bi-friendly spaces is important. Finding bi-friendly spaces is fraught with difficulty: "Once, Anna and I went to the Albury and this guy came up to us and looked at us and demanded, 'What are you doing here?' We said, 'We're here for a drink.' He said, 'Are you straight?' in a hostile way. We said, 'No, we're bisexual.' He looked at us hard for a moment and then smiled, 'Well, if you're looking for someone, I'm available'.

"I'm getting to the point where I'm very angry when people assume because I'm with a woman, I'm heterosexual or we're straight ... that's in straight or gay spaces. I find it really offensive, and I'm becoming extremely vocal about my bisexuality."

## Sexual Transition

Kate Beaumont\* breaks in horses for a profession. A bubbly 33 year old, with an infectious laugh and a confident manner, Kate tells her story clearly without overlooking the funny side

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# Myths and Realities of Bisexuality

## Myth

Bis are really straight/gay

Bis are sexually mixed-up,  
even psychologically disturbed

Bis are a little bit het and a little bit homo

Bis can disappear into the straight world

Bis need males and females  
at the same time to be fulfilled

## Reality

Bis make their own choices and these are  
as valid as anyone's

Bis are not 'mixed up' and the only disturbance  
they feel is ignorance from other people

Bisexuality is a valid form expression that  
ought to be considered on its own merits

Some bisexuals certainly do, others are  
uncomfortable being labelled straight

Some do, some don't  
Bisexual life is not an eternal threesome

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of it all.

"When I was growing up, I was a tomboy. I didn't like sewing, I remember having a mad crush on a girl at school. I didn't realise until I came out as a lesbian that it was the budding of that type of desire for a woman."

Kate came out at age 22: "It was really good for me at that period because it helped me come out in so many ways. After about four years of being completely immersed in women and not wanting to know about anything else, I would start to see men that looked attractive to me and it was the most bizarre sort of situation because you know, I would feel incredibly guilty (laughs)."

"When I was 27, I broke up after a very intense (and sometimes violent) two year lesbian relationship. I needed a house mate and a bisexual guy moved in and we eventually became lovers. I lived with this guy for two years and during the second year, I realised it wasn't right to conceal this from my lesbian friends. So I started being out about it. I instinctively knew I was on dicey ground but I was not prepared for what happened (laughs)."

"It was like I had bubonic plague. The main reaction was one of denial. The reaction was just like the straight world (mimics condescension): 'Look, don't tell us about it. As long as you do it, you know, privately. Don't mention it to us. Don't rock our boat. We'll pretend it doesn't happen'."

Almost immediately after her lover had moved interstate Kate found out that she was pregnant: "For the first few weeks of the pregnancy I was alone and I desperately needed support."

I rang around to try and get support from the dyke community. It still hurts to talk about it because the reaction was, 'Well, you got yourself into this, I don't want to know about it.'

"It's made me realise this alternative community was really human and has its own dogmas, creeds and prejudices. The hostility, rejection and abandonment was exactly like straights' reactions to gays and lesbians."

Kate thinks she was not the only one. One day, while waiting to see her doctor: "I knew this doctor really well - she was known for giving out contraceptives - and they came in brown paper bags, so you could tell. Out walked a woman, a very prominent member of our dyke community, very separatist, very loud about it, carrying a brown paper bag (laughs hilariously). And I'll never forget her eyes meeting mine and there was this look of shock on her face and I read, 'God! I've got to get out of here' (laughs). I thought, 'Aha! Caught ya! Sprung'!"

Both Adrian and Kate project a mixture of relief - at last finding a compatible space where they can express themselves freely - and that quiet confidence that people who have exhausted the possibilities of labels seem to radiate.

The AIDS horror has taught us that each and every member of the community is precious. Can the community afford to lose such people? Or ought it broaden its boundaries to accommodate them?

\*Surname changed to protect privacy

Aidy Griffin is a Communications student. This is her first article for Campaign.

From Campaign February 1993.

## BI ★ CONTRAST

With Adrian Millar

# CHALLENGING ASSUMPTIONS

THE LESBIAN AND GAY COMMUNITY often feels at liberty to discuss the plight of the "bisexual individual" in "his" confusion and indecision about which world he will live in. But when the discussion turns to bisexuality within our community, some of us start getting uncomfortable.

Contrary to the opinions of some, bisexuality is a real description of how many lesbians and gay men experience their own sexuality. Many bisexual people originally come out as gay or lesbian, but at some time or other, have unexpectedly found themselves attracted to the other sex.

Such a thing happened to me, and I started a relationship which in the eyes of my gay friends and straights, was a heterosexual relationship. The assumption from my gay friends was that I had gone straight. I suddenly found myself isolated from my home: the gay community. That still hurts.

But did that mean that I forgot what homophobia was about? No! If anything, it made me more aware of just how deeply my

previous gay relationship was cautious about appearing "too intimate" in public spaces. Now, complete strangers in the streets would make affirming comments about my "seemingly" straight relationship.

My parents ask about my female partner where they would never ask about my male partner. I found heterosexual privilege to be a constant reminder of just how homophobic these "nice" people really were. The way they treated me made me angry.

One major assumption that some lesbians and gay men make is that if one of their own engages in a heterosexual relationship, then he or she is prescribing to compulsory heterosexuality.

Explaining that I have bisexual orientation, and that as such am, as a whole being, opposed to compulsory heterosexuality, is helpful in undermining such assumptions.

Another similar assumption is that we cannot take being *out* as gay or lesbian so we take shelter in the straight world where we are said to be able to "pass for straight".

The decision to risk ostracism

from the very community that I identify most strongly with for a dull straight-jacket world which I can barely understand for the love of a woman does not constitute any weakness of will on my part. It reveals a will to do what I know is right for me despite what social or political expectations I am faced with.

Obviously, not all previously identified lesbians or gay men who become bi-identified hold onto their sense of lesbian or gay identity; but the point I am trying to make is this: *don't assume!*

Don't assume that in identifying as bisexual or in engaging in heterosexual relationships that we are opting-out of the fight against homophobia and for the right of people to choose not to engage in heterosexual relationships.

Very few lesbians and gay men are, however, out about their bisexual orientation: this is primarily because they are aware that the lesbian and gay community is on the whole very biphobic. Many lesbians and gays still firmly believe that one's sexuality is essentially homosexual or heterosexual;

hence people claiming bisexual orientation are 'confused', 'can't make up their mind', or deceitfully disguising their true sexuality. Some will grant bisexuality only a transitory status.

In the Project Male Call (1992) close to a third of the gay community attached men were at the time in a relationship with a woman. This is a clear indication that a large proportion of the gay community (at least) is already inclusive of bisexual orientation in practice, even if not in some people's definition of the gay community.

Admitting, raising discussion, and affirming bisexual orientation within the lesbian and gay community does not hinder the efforts we are making to combat homophobia. Nor does it invalidate our claim to the right to not engage in heterosexual relationships.

It does give our sisters and brothers with bisexual orientation the confidence to be open, honest, understood and appreciated for the valuable contribution that women to men, men to women relationships can bring to the lesbian and gay community.

## TRANYS AND HIV

Dear Editor,  
Cindy Ryan's letter (SSO 202) calling for recognition of trany issues in relation to HIV/AIDS and increased involvement in trany in the fight against the pandemic echoes the sentiments expressed in *Gender Agenda* of the same issue.

There is no doubt that trany have been, and allowed themselves to be victims of discrimination in the past and that needs of trany in this area (and many others) have been neglected. But it would not be fair to the many individuals and organisations who have laboured to redress these gaps in the supply of HIV/AIDS awareness, funding, services and education to imply nothing is being done.

This is not to suggest for a moment that existing funding, services and education are adequate. They are not. And the way to expand existing services for trany is to get involved. If you wish to get involved at any level — *do it now!* If you are unsure what to do, or which organisation your particular talents would be best suited for, or you prefer to contribute your time or services to a trany-specific service, please contact me at PO Box 208, Kings Cross, 2011; or by phone (02) 358 5664.

Aidy Griffin  
Spokesperson  
Transgender-Liberation Coalition

SSO. 19 Feb 1993.

boy + girl  
is not always  
straight  
Bisexual Pride

From Sydney Star Observer Feb. 19th 1993

# Bisexuality: So,

They're launching the queer sex and lit mag 'Hell Bent' down at the Warehouse and a queer crowd's there, so tightly styled no art director could ever have done it. Even the dags' dagginess looks considered.

There's a touch of the military-industrial complex, a few marchesas de suede, party boys from the papacy. And more. There's always more. That's part of queerness.

Naturally it's cooler than a blizzard at the Beaubourg, Paris, France.

**I**s this, I wonder, the beginning of a queer community, one that incorporates lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgenders, and transsexuals? Certainly they all seem to be here. In between speeches and routines we stand around drinking warm beer and chatting.

I mention casually to some lesbians and gay men that I'm writing about bisexuality. It's a hot topic in the cool space under the queer umbrella. Bisexuals, says one, they're dud fucks.

What she means is that it's hard for women who've spent a lot of time hanging around men to know how to do good dyke sex or relate emotionally to a woman.

Tell me how bisexuals are oppressed, says another rhetorically.

A gay man of the literary persuasion recites a popular couplet: 'Bisexuals are louses'

They go back to their spouses."

Later on I meet Rosanne, who's been setting up a bisexual forum (it's not a group, it's more open, she says).

Unanimously, the members of the forum I talk to don't want a separate bisexual community.

They want a queer community and spaces where they can feel free to be who they are, perhaps a queer cafe.

And to them that community is made up of bisexuals, transgenders, gays, lesbians, the non-heterosexually identified. And their partners.

Philip is Rosanne's straight partner.

"When I went to some of the Stonewall activities this year", she says, "I went with Philip and I wanted to put my hand on his knee. I found myself surrounded by a huge heap of dykes and I looked around me and thought 'I can't do this. I'm at a gay and lesbian function.'

It wasn't identified as a queer function. I felt like I wasn't really welcome there."

Philip himself doesn't feel included, even in queer spaces or community functions, even though he goes to them.

"There are times when I think I shouldn't be included because this is not my space."

This is about people being able to be themselves. I am in a situation where I can be myself and that's not a problem for anyone.

I'm also in the extremely privileged area of being what the straight community considers ideal. I am a member of all the categories that are not minorities [except for being a member of an ethnic minority group]."

"I don't think the gay community can really understand what I have to say or I can't really understand what they have to say. [But] I like to lend my support by going along to [gay and lesbian] marches."

But negotiating around these new styles of masculinity can throw up entirely new social questions.

Rosanne, for example, describes all the straight men in her 'Friendship Group' as SNAGs, sensitive new age guys, men who

are able to behave towards each other in a loving, gentle and caring way. Philip and another SNAG were eating out together when they were introduced to a gay man who mistook Philip for gay, asked him out to dinner and declared his love.

"It's something", says Rosanne, "that I'm very proud of, that Philip is so caring regardless of sexuality, regardless of gender, that he can be mistaken [for gay]"

As an issue and a movement bisexuality has emerged strongly overseas in the last two years.

In the United States, Great Britain and also in New Zealand, the bisexual movement has been far more active than is the case in Australia.

In San Francisco, for example, one of the leading newspapers which previously identified itself as gay and lesbian, the 'Bay Area Reporter', is now identified as gay, lesbian and bisexual. In London, the Lesbian and Gay Centre [which has just gone into liquidation and closed down — Ed.] is now formally inclusive of people identifying as bisexual.

In Australia the movement is just beginning to grow. Last October, the first national bisexual conference for Australia was held in Perth.

The conference resolutions called for an end to discrimination against bisexuals, demanded that a share of HIV/AIDS resources be directed towards bisexual groups in the community and that AIDS councils actively recruit bisexuals for participation in bisexual campaigns.

The word 'bisexual', it was stated, should be included in educational material, campaigns and in the gay and lesbian media.

And the resolutions introduced a new term to sexual discourse here: 'biphobia', that is, fear and loathing of bisexuals or bisexuality.

In some ways the aims of the present bisexual movement have similarities to the politics that existed in the early seventies in Australia.

Long time gay activist Ken Davis said: "People have been arguing that bisexual identity needs to be fostered and that there needs to be an alliance between those with gay and lesbian identities and people with bisexual identity since 1971."

In a sense there's nothing new about it, but it's coming through a different political framework."

That political framework for all this, he sees as going something like this:

"Everyone is equal and should have an equal right to sexual expression. What we've got to do is mutually respect and recognise these different identities in an egalitarian pluralistic [way]."

His own framework and that of gay liberation is somewhat different. It rests on the understanding that "the inferiorization of homosexuals is a major structure of sexual oppression in a heterosexual society."

[This inferiorization] is a major mechanism in the making of heterosexual identity on the basis of exclusion, on the basis of the inferiorization of 'the other'."

In this framework "the solution for oppression is the empowerment of the subordinate group. That's not at all the same as [saying] that you have a lot of different identities [which are all equal] and what we need to do is recognise all of them".

Yet that's the position that comes from some of the bisexuals involved in Sydney's new bisexual forum and it's the definition of queer they use.

"I see queer", says Rosanne, "as being a great word to mean gay and lesbian and transgender, transexual, bisexual".

"People", she says, "should be able to be involved in whatever community they want to be involved in. If you want to be a yuppie [then you should be able to belong to the yuppie community]."

The point being that no one should criticise you for your decision to do that, or bash you up, or try to kill you".

Adrian, who is also a member of the forum, draws a distinction between heterosexuality and heterosexism.

"Queer", he says, "is defined as a lifestyle which is oppositional to heterosexuality."

Being heterosexual is not the same as being heterosexist. Being heterosexual doesn't rule you out. It's the way you live your life [that counts]."

Historically, bisexuality has begun to re-emerge as an issue in queer politics for a number of reasons.

Since the mid 1980s a coalition between gay and lesbian politics has become a reality.

The politics of radical feminist separation, one of the things which kept them apart, is not now dominant among the lesbian community.

There has been a recognition that useful common political goals can be pursued through community events such as the Mardi Gras or through fighting to end discrimination.

"Separatism", says Anna, another member of the bisexual

LESBIAN AND GAY PRIDE COLLECTIVE PRESENTS



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Written by Shane Rowlands

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• Gai Lemon •

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• Angela Bailey and Jeff Cheverton •

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An Exploration Of The Role Of Language In The Pride Festival

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• Carolyn Davies •

Coming out about the positions of people who have experienced psychiatric labelling/mental health issues.

• Joseph O'Connor •

Identity: A Pathology

Further Speakers to be announced



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forum, "can be a very strong and powerful thing."

That's okay if you're in a position where your personal life can fit in with that politics. But if you're a lesbian and you have feelings for men you're in a dilemma because what do you do about your politics?"

Questions have also been raised in the last decade about the usefulness of any kind of identity politics. Why should sexual politics be based around fixed categories of identity?

Since the 1980s there has been a movement which sees identity as not fixed, but as something which is shaped and directed by the choices we make. Some see the concept of gay identity as having imposed categories of being onto people.

What we need to do, according to this movement, is consider getting away from categories like 'gay' and 'straight' and think in terms of bodies and pleasures.

The rise of the men's movement has also raised discussion of the issue of bisexuality.

As well, because of how HIV is transmitted the AIDS crisis has raised the question of actual sexual practice, as opposed to identity. In the public discourse about AIDS the term 'men who have sex with men' is used to describe men whose practice is in fact mostly bisexual but who may identify as heterosexual or homosexual.

For some, like Scott Wilson, who spoke at the bisexual conference, questions about the invisibility of bisexual identity were raised partly by filling in surveys about AIDS.

He found that many had trouble dealing with bisexual people because they broke the straight/gay dichotomy.

"Suddenly the division between straight and gay is not as certain as it once seemed.

The whole notion of a division between the heterosexual community and the gay community starts to dissolve.

The only way these communities can be imagined as separate is if human bisexuality is denied."

On this issue Ken Davis remarks, "In AIDS education I don't think it's useful to deal with questions of bisexual identity because the issue is about practice and behaviour."

There isn't a lot of empirical evidence that bisexual identity is useful [in AIDS education]. There's a separate category of men who have sex with men, who don't identify as gay but who don't identify as bisexual either.

Gay identifying men are probably, in a majority, bisexual in practice. Most men in the [political] gay movement have been at one time or another."

The bisexuals in the forum, however, want bisexuals in the gay and lesbian community to come out as bisexuals.

Others who spoke at the conference are demanding bisexual peer education about AIDS.

On these issues, even within the forum, there is a range of opinion.

Rosanne, for example, raises the issue of outing gays and lesbians who are bisexual in practice if they are biphobic.

It's not a suggestion that's greeted warmly by others in the forum.

Anna notes that if they identified as bisexual they would probably not be able to hold jobs in the lesbian or gay communities, jobs which they may well have held for long periods of time.

Forum members describe their own coming out in the gay and lesbian community as traumatic.

Adrian, who had previously identified as gay, lost many gay friends when he started to maintain a monogamous relationship with Anna. It's different, says Anna, if you've always identified as bi.

But they make the point consistently that they are oppressed both by the lesbian and gay communities on the one hand and the straight community on the other.

Most of their complaints about the gay and lesbian community

in fact relate to the issues and to the politics around friendship and going out.

Perhaps that's not surprising. Those I talk to are in their twenties and students at university.

The dilemma is that when they come out in the gay or lesbian community with partners of another sex they feel rejected. Hence their desire to create a queer community.

Anna says that they're not trying, for example, to break down lesbian space. "We're trying to create our own space which they're welcome to come to."

Yet for Ken Davis the political issue of bisexuality turns on the question of oppression, identity and sexual practice.

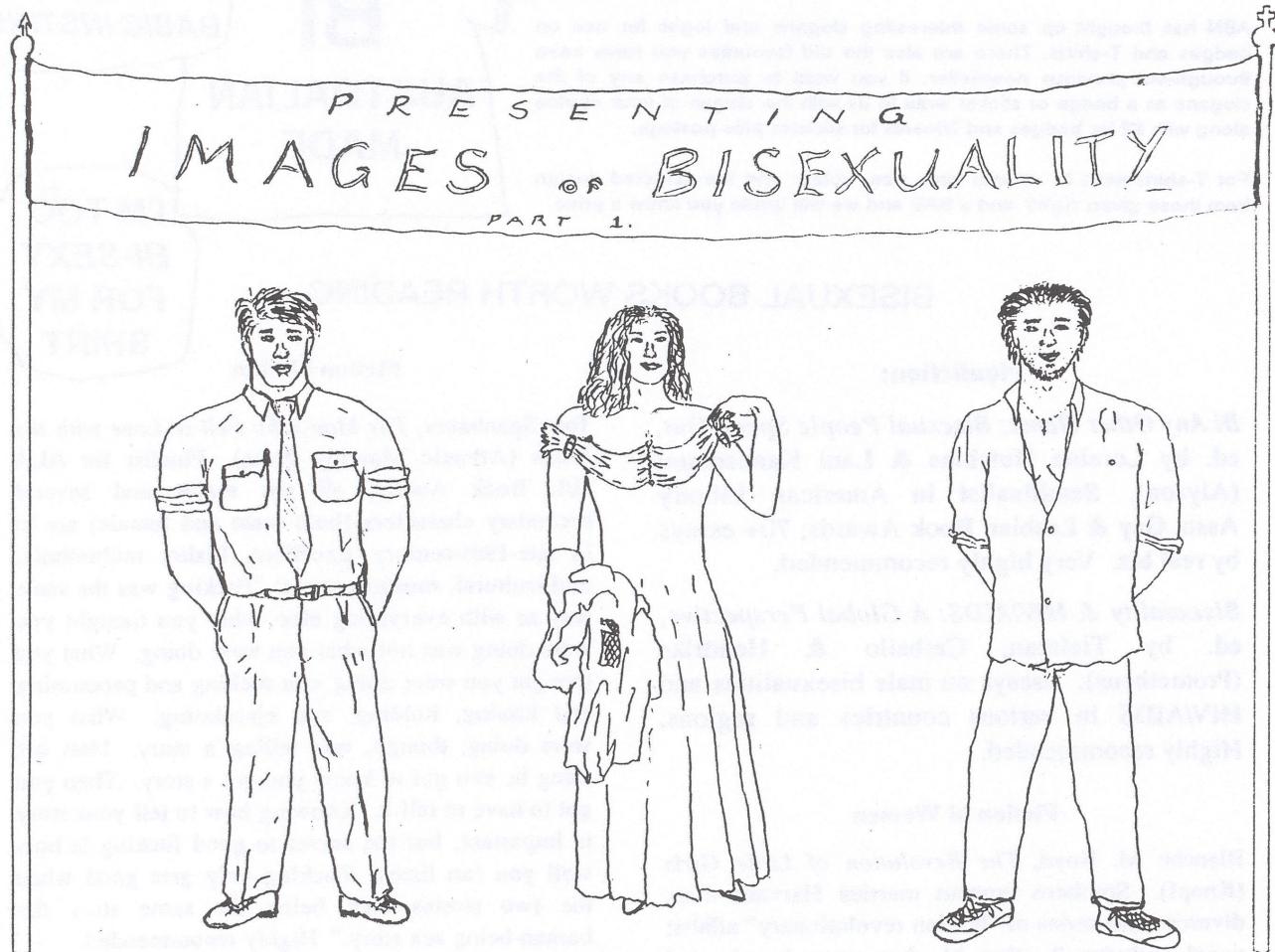
While he's not hostile at all to queer identity and politics, or transgender politics, "the idea that there is a [bisexual] identity which is being oppressed equally by gays and by straights is really offensive because the relationship between homosexuals and people who are at some time into homosexual practice or desire is not one of oppression."

There may be some [harsh] responses on a daily basis because of tensions in relationships. I think that's often about pulling rank. I don't think that's oppression."

While the forum members are optimistic about their ongoing success -- thirty or so attended the first meeting, fewer came to the second -- Ken notes that "no major organisation based on bisexual politics and a bisexual identity has lasted."

To me that's an indication that fighting for a gay or lesbian or even transgender identity is a different process than in the past for a bisexual identity."

Yet it may be that the new circumstances of AIDS, queerness and coalition will provide the space which will see a bisexual movement develop here, as it has done in English speaking countries overseas. Are we on the brink of yet another new movement? Let's see what 1993 brings. ♦



Over the coming issues of *National BIWAYS*, Mal will be drawing more "Images of Bisexuality", old, young, Asian, different sizes etc. We start with these three.

## SOME GREAT BI WORDS

From The Dictionary of Bi Words, a regular feature in *BIFROST* newsletter from the United Kingdom.

**Biathlon:** Marathon orgy lasting one bicycle. See 'Bicycle'.

**Bicentenary:** Celebration of one's 200th sexual experience.

**Bicentric:** Belief that "everybody is bisexual".

**Bicycle:** A unit of time. One bicycle is defined to be the length of time it takes one to go from being predominantly attracted to members of one gender to the other gender and back again. It should be noted that this is a relative term which varies from person to person. Some people have short bicycles; others have long ones. Some people do not have bicycles at all.

**Bike:** Contraction of "bisexual dyke"; also spelt byke.

**Biker:** A lover of bikes.

**Bikini:** Young offspring of a bisexual parent.

**Biocide:** a fatal queer bashing; murder.

**Biomass:** Celebration of sexuality.

**Bionic:** Double gin and tonic.



## BADGES and T-SHIRTS.

ABN has thought up some interesting slogans and logos for use on badges and T-shirts. There are also the old favourites you have seen through-out previous newsletter. If you want to purchase any of the slogans as a badge or sticker write to us with the slogan of your choice along with \$2 for badges and 20cents for stickers plus postage.

For T-shirts write to us with your size, colour and the selected design from those given right and a SAE and we will quote you know a price.

## BISEXUAL BOOKS WORTH READING.

### Nonfiction:

**Bi Any Other Name: Bisexual People Speak Out,** ed. by Loraine Hutchins & Lani Kaahamanu (Alyson). Semifinalist in American Library Assn. Gay & Lesbian Book Awards; 70+ essays by real bis. Very highly recommended.

**Bisexuality & HIV/AIDS: A Global Perspective,** ed. by Tielman, Carballo & Hendriks (Prometheus). Essays on male bisexualities and HIV/AIDS in various countries and regions. Highly recommended.

### Fiction bi Women

Blanche M. Boyd, *The Revolution of Little Girls* (Knopf). Southern woman marries Harvard man, divorces, has series of "lesbian revolutionary" affairs; novel includes 2 other bi characters, female and male. Winner of Lambda and Ferro-Grumley book awards. Recommended.

## Berlin's Europride party set for June 1993

**BERLIN:** For only the second year, the countries of Europe will unite for one huge lesbian and gay pride celebration in June of next year.

In 1992 the Europride party was held in London and was a tremendous success, with over 100,000 people joining in.

In 1993 the Europride party will be in Berlin, recently declared capital of a united Germany.

The influx to Berlin will

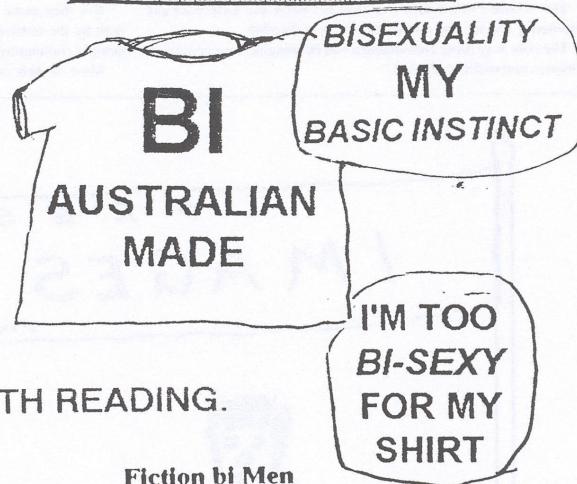
begin with the International AIDS Conference, to be held from the 7th to the 11th of June.

Following the conclusion of the International AIDS Conference, the Europride party will start on 12 June.

The party will climax in a full day celebration on 26 June.

So if you are planning a trip to Europe in the Australian winter of 1993, June is clearly the time for you to be in Germany.

From Capital Q. 3/12/92.



Tom Spanbauer, *The Man Who Fell in Love with the Moon* (Atlantic Monthly Press). Finalist for ALA G/L Book Award; all the major and several secondary characters (both male and female) are bi in late-19th-century Excellent, Idaho; multiethnic, multicultural, multiorgasmic: "Fucking was the same way as with everything else--what you thought you were doing was not what you were doing. What you thought you were doing was sucking and penetrating and kissing, holding, and ejaculating. What you were doing, though, was telling a story. First off, thing is, you got to know you got a story. Then you got to have to tell it. Knowing how to tell your story is important, but the secret to good fucking is how well you can listen. Fucking only gets good when the two stories start being the same story--the human-being sex story." Highly recommended.

From East Coast Bisexual Network  
Boston, USA.

Charter of Intention

1. LIB is working towards the establishment of a queer community without prejudice.
2. LIB defines prejudice to mean violence or discrimination on the basis or imputation of, for example:
  - a) gender or gender orientation
  - b) sexuality or sexual identification
  - c) race or ethnic origin
  - d) HIV-status
  - e) age
  - f) disability
3. LIB does not accept that gender or sexuality have discrete categories, but that they are fluid continuums.
4. LIB supports recognition for the issues of bisexual and transgender people, especially in the lesbian and gay community. LIB recognises that at this point in time, a majority of its members have a particular focus on bisexual issues.
5. LIB proposes to liaise with other groups and individuals fighting prejudice as defined above.
6. LIB intends to provide a forum, discussion groups, support groups, social events and counselling to anybody who agrees with the principles inherent in this charter.
7. LIB is a collective, and decisions are made by consensus.
8. LIB welcomes all people who support the aims of the group regardless of how they identify. We reserve the right to ask anyone who acts in a discriminatory or offensive manner to leave.

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CALENDAR

FEB - MAY 1993



For more information on any of the events please phone Margaret afterhours on (081) 544 6146 or write to the above address

FEBRUARY 1993

25 Thu	WORKSHOP - brochure time/place
27 Sat	SOCIAL - Adelaide's own BI MARDI GRAS PARTY BYO food, drink, music and costume Dress-up or down in the spirit of celebration 8.00pm at Carol's (ring Margaret for details)

APRIL 1993

1 Thu	BI BOP & BOOZE AT BEANS BAR No fooling friendly chat, dance and a drink if you wish 9.30pm Beans Bar 258a Hindley St Adelaide
7 Wed	MEETING - monthly meeting 6.30pm venue to be confirmed (ring Margaret)

MARCH 1993

1 Mon	MEETING - monthly meeting Come along and see if you like the new venue (its a trial) 6.30pm downstairs, Box Factory, 59 Regent Street South, Adelaide
7 Sun	WORKSHOP - articles for publication 1.30pm at Margaret's
11 Thu	BI BOP & BOOZE AT BEANS BAR Friendly social chat, bit of a dance and a drink if you wish 9.30pm Beans Bar 258a Hindley St Adelaide
21 Sun	SOCIAL - BI BEACH BUMS An afternoon at Semaphore Beach 3.30pm at Iain's or look for flag just south of jetty

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18 Sun	SOCIAL - BIKE RIDE Gentle ride on your bicycle; bring a picnic lunch 10.00am Rotunda, Elder Park
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28 Thu	BI BOP & BOOZE AT BEANS BAR Regular get together for a chinwag, latest gossip, game of pool 9.30pm Beans Bar 258a Hindley St Adelaide
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MAY 1993

5 Wed	MEETING - monthly meeting 6.30pm venue to be confirmed (ring Margaret)
13 Thu	BI BOP & BOOZE AT BEANS BAR Another friendly social chat, dance and a drink 9.30pm Beans Bar 258a Hindley St Adelaide
23 Sun	SOCIAL - BUSH WALK 10.00am (ring Margaret for details)

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# AIM AND OBJECTIVES

January 1993

## 1. AIM

The South Australian Bisexual Network is a social network striving to be open, non-judgmental, non-threatening and accepting of respectful expression of sexual diversity.

The network facilitates discussion of issues relating to sexuality and promotes acceptance of sexual diversity.

Political action in the wider community may arise from this but any participation in public debate and action is an individual's decision.

The network welcomes people of all ages, genders, ethnicities, cultures and sexual orientations who are sympathetic to its objectives.

## 2. OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 To bring together through social activities bisexual and other people interested in the network's objectives
- 2.2 To discuss, articulate and promote bisexual political issues
- 2.3 To identify and express positive values about bisexuality
- 2.4 To challenge discrimination and negative values placed on bisexuality
- 2.5 To build an understanding that sexuality includes multiple differences, variations, possibilities and moments
- 2.6 To offer participants in the network mutual support and understanding
- 2.7 To appreciate that individuals need to feel comfortable with the level of their contributions to the network
- 2.8 To respect the need of network participants for confidentiality
- 2.9 To express peace and goodwill to sentient beings (what about the non-sentients?)
- 2.10 To welcome into the network a broad cross section of supporters
- 2.11 To recognise the achievements and history of individuals and groups campaigning for social acceptance and legal reform regarding issues of sexual diversity
- 2.12 To support individuals to use the label *bisexual* in a positive social and political sense and strive to move beyond the label's limitations
- 2.13 To welcome those for whom issues of sexual expression have relevance but who choose not to use any sexual label
- 2.14 To establish and maintain links with Australian and international bisexual networks and sympathetic organisations
- 2.15 To continue to evolve both as a group and as individuals

# QUEENSLAND BISEXUAL NETWORK

*Brisbane Bisexual Group*

## ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

March 1993.

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**7th Sunday      SOCIAL - SOUTH BANK**

Friendly afternoon at South Bank, coffee / beer, chat, maybe even a swim in the lagoon.  
 Meet 2.30 to 3.00pm at tables outside coffee shop, Melbourne Street ground level of the Cultural Centre (Performing Arts). We will then go into South Bank site so don't be late.

**18th Thursday      SOCIAL MEETING**

Friendly social meeting to work out structure of Brisbane Bisexual Group, aims, other activities and members skills. Not as stuffy as it may sound, plenty of time for social chit chat.  
 Meet 6.00pm at Resistance Centre, 33 Terrace Street, New Farm.

**25th Thursday      SOCIAL - HAPPY BI HOUR**

Social drinks after work or Uni, game of pool, chat & gossip for about an hour or so.  
 Meet 6.00pm at Sportsman Hotel, 130 Leichhardt Street, Spring Hill.  
 This may be followed by a meal then off to Options Nightclub (free entry) in Little Edward Street for a drink, dance or coffee for those wanting to make a bit of a night out of it.

**31st Wednesday      SOCIAL - HAPPY BI HOUR & FORUM**

Meet 6.00pm in the City for a drink & a bit to eat after work, study or play, then go to the Pride Collective's Forum on IDENTITY at 7.00pm in the Metro Arts Building, Level 4, 109 Edward Street, City (\$3 entry). Place to meet will be worked out at meeting on the 18th so do call Wayne for details prior to 31st or come along on 18th.

**APRIL 1993**

**15th Thursday      SOCIAL MEETING**

Friendly meeting and chat, sharing of stories and experiences, future activities, material for national newsletter, planning for bisexual forum on 19th.  
 Meet 6.00pm at Resistance Centre, 33 Terrace Street, New Farm.

**19th Monday      FORUM ON BISEXUALITY**

Hosted by the Australian Bisexual Network and the Lesbian and Gay Pride Collective, the forum will attempt to raise the profile of bisexuals in the lesbian and gay community by seeking to have the word "bisexual" included and used more often. Other bisexual issues will be raised, such as discrimination, coming out and bisexual youth, married bisexuals & partners. Come along to listen to the discussions, voice your opinion, show your support.

7.30 pm start at Sitting Duck Cafe, 165 Boundary Street, West End.

**29th Thursday      SOCIAL - COFFEE & CHAT IN SUBURBIA**

Friendly social get together at a coffee lounge (or may be a pub?) for a chat etc. in the southern suburbs like say Garden City at Upper Mt Gravatt. Details to be finalised at 18th of March meeting.

For more information on the activities of the Brisbane Bisexual Group, write care of PO Box 490 Lutwyche 4030 or ring Wayne (07) 857 2774 a/h or Therese 358 4875 w/h. The Brisbane Bisexual Group is a social group for bisexual women and men, their partners and other bi-friendly people. Meetings will be at 6.00pm on the 3rd Thursday each month at the Resistance Centre, 33 Terrace Street, New Farm (ph. 358 4875).

## BISEXUALITY FOR THE HETEROSEXUAL

In 1992, a contact magazine primarily marketed to heterosexuals introduced a special bisexual section. The *Rosy*, is based on the Gold Coast and is distributed nationally. The shots reproduced here were from a August 92 issue and surprisingly show two men and a women. We all know heterosexual (men's) fantasies are of having two bi women to one man (themself). Readers also write in with their bi tales and photos as well as the usual advertisements. The publishers of *Rosy* have also brought out a gay/bi contact magazine.

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## UPDATE FOR FEMALE PARTNERS

A support group called UPDATE, for female partners of bisexual men in the Brisbane region meets at Women's Health Centre, 165 Gregory Terrace, Spring Hill at 7pm on Thursday March 18th then April 19th. For further information ring Ann Cadden (07) 854 1605 bus/h.

## More Reading.

*The Other Side of the Closet: The Coming-Out Crisis for Straight Spouses*, by Amity Pierce Buxton (IBS Press). This self-help book for heterosexual half of "mixed-orientation couples" by an educator/counselor and ex-"straight spouse" adds "and"/"or bisexual" to "gay" or "homosexual" throughout as needed, and acknowledges that "bisexuality is a distinct orientation from homosexuality and not a transitional state"; includes thoughtful chapters on "alternative marriage styles" and on parenting issues, with appendices of readings and resources. Recommended for intended audience (and for bi spouses to read before giving it to them).

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2. Write the advert CODE on the front centre of envelope.
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4. Post it to ABN, PO Box 490, Lutwyche, Queensland 4030.

**ADELAIDE, SA.**

BI GUY 45yrs, married, 6' tall, good looks, interested most things, wishes to meet other straight acting bi-guys 20-45 years for friendship and safe fun times. Only genuine replies please, phone number for quick reply, but all replies answered. Discretion assured and expected. Code SA-A1.

**ADELAIDE, SA.**

BI IDENTIFIED LESBIAN who is a disabilities and HIV counselor wishes to make contact with other people particularly bisexuals in same or similar counselling fields. Code SA-T1.

**ALBANY, WA.**

BI GUY mid 40's, married, seeks Bi couple in Albany area for fun safe times, discretion assured and expected. Code WA-M2.

**BRISBANE, QLD**

BI GUY 26yrs, tall, fit, healthy, long hair, good looks, novice looking for Bi guy or couples for first time experience. Code QD-S1.

**BRISBANE, QLD.**

BI GUY 30's, easy going, tall, slim, good sense of humour, athletic & fun to be with. Would like to meet Bi lady/couple for friendship. Code QD-M2.

**BRISBANE, QLD.**

BI GUY 37yrs, 6ft, 75kg, straight acting, non-scene, married, hairless body and loves nudity. Interested in naked guys, gentle, non-threatening safe sex with guys. Open to discussions with guys of all ages, talking about male & female sex but particularly keen to find guys who can relate to a married guy who is interested in gentle nude sex with other guys. Would like to write to or phone other bisexual guys. Have safe private post box for your letter. Code QD-H1.

**BRISBANE, QLD.**

GAY GUY slim, clean & sincere seeks a well endowed genuine guy for mutual safe sex sessions. Code QD-W1.

**BRISBANE, QLD.**

BI GUY young 38yrs, tall, slim, single, passionate. likes beach, bush, safe fun times would like to meet similar minded bi guys, girls or couples to 35 years for friendship, possible relationship. Code QD-R1.

**BRISBANE, QLD.**

GAY GUY 29yrs slim, good looking, only into safe sex wishes to meet a young lady or couple for first time sexual experience with woman and explore my desires and sexuality further. Code QD-M1.

**KAMBALDA, WA.**

BI GUY 37yrs, married, interested in meeting Bi guys or couples in Kambalda/Kalgoolie area. Interested in most things, safe sex and discretion a must. ALA. Code WA-H1.

**MELBOURNE, VIC.**

BI GUY 28yrs, finding it really hard getting into the gay scene and a straight life too boring. Interested in contacting other bisexual people in Melbourne. Also be visiting Queensland at least twice in 1993. Code VI-S1.

**PERTH, WA.**

BI WOMAN 19yrs, enjoys life, nice looking, sense of humour seeks Bi/gay women for relationship/friendship. Phone number appreciated for quick reply. Discretion assured & expected. Code WA-P2.

**PERTH, WA.**

BI GUY 23yrs, novice, good looking, seeking to meet a Bi couple/s to 35 years of age for discrete safe times. Must be clean. Code WA-W2.



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## PERTH, WA.

BI GUY 27yrs, single, 6'2", slim build, interests are scubadiving, martial arts, outdoor activities and safe sex. I am seeking a Bisexual guy or Bisexual girl who have similar interests, especially scubadiving. ALA. Code WA-B3.

## PERTH, WA.

BI GUY 36yrs seeks Bi male, Bi female or Bi couple for safe times, discretion assured, age & race no barrier, transsexuals welcome. Code WA-W3.

## PERTH, WA.

BI GUY 29yrs moves between Perth and Gascoyne District. Interested in meeting other Bi men, women & couples. Code WA-C1.

## PERTH, WA.

BI GUY 35yrs slim build 5'7", fair, fit & healthy, reasonable looks, enjoys most things, good sense of humour, easy going would like to meet Bi woman for honest safe future. ALA. Code WA-M1.

## PERTH, WA.

BI GUY 40's in process of "coming out". Slim, 5'6", gentle, considerate, non-pushy and discrete. Interested in meeting with Bi couple or Bi lady for friendship/relationship. Please enclose a photo, same returned and ALA. Code WA-H2.

## PERTH, WA.

BI GUY own business, 44yrs, married, 5'7", slimish, fit & healthy, reasonable looks, S.O.H. Into boating (own boat), gym, fishing, BBQ, outdoors, footy & cricket, meeting people. Interested in meeting younger Bi guys, Bi girls, married or single, small build, straight acting, under 5'7" for friendship and possible relationship, possible X-dress. ALA. Code WA-B2.

## PERTH, WA.

GAY IDENTIFIED BI GUY 33yrs & getting younger, Pisces, semi-professional, slim build, 5'9" 64Kg, hazel eyes, attractive looking and very active. Enjoys clubbing and meeting people. Like to meet younger Bi / Gay guys for f/ship possibly more. Must have good sense of humour. Discretion is assured if needed, nationality unimportant, reply with phone number for quick response. ALA. Code WA-D1.

## PERTH/FREMANTLE, WA.

HETERO-BI GUY single, 20's seeks guys, girls, transsexuals, 18-25, any nationality for fun times & possible friendship, north of the river from Fremantle to City Beach areas, must be non-pushy, discrete, good sense of humour, easy going, don't mind if you drink or smoke (because I do) & most of all be honest. Only genuine replies please and send your photo & phone number for quick reply. ALA. Code WA-S3.

## ROCKINGHAM, WA.

BI GUY 21yrs, single, likes the gym and the beach. Wishing to meet straight acting guys 18 to 25 years especially in the Rockingham & Mandurah areas for safe fun times. Code WA-R2.

## SYDNEY, NSW.

BI GUY 21yrs, single, slim, good looking, healthy, non smoker/drinker seeking guy/girl for one to one relationship, not into one nighters. Safe sex and honesty a must. Code NS-C1.

OPINIONS**Ignorance of bisexuals**

Dear Editor

In issue 21, J Dore of Darlinghurst suggested that we rename the mastheads on our newspapers to "non-homophobics united in 1993" instead of gay or lesbian or queer.

The reason he gives is that we are "all just human beings", that we should "not worry about whether it's a man or a woman and just enjoy the experience".

But it comes from a person who enjoyed "sex with a man, sex with two or three men, sex with a woman, sex with men and women" etc.

This is indicative of the ignorance of bisexual "activists" trying to hop on board the gay rights movement.

J Dore obviously does not understand that being gay or lesbian is more than having sex with a person, it is an identity, formed by marginalisation, oppression and discrimination against those who stand up and say "I have sex with only women or only men".

It is an identity of those who have tastes, talents and political agendas in common. It is a different identity to a bisexual identity, which is a cross between heterosexual and homosexual.

For these reasons there needs to be a gay and lesbian press. It is the same reason why there are publications that cater for the Irish, the Chinese community, those who live in the eastern suburbs: to cater for those with more specific interests than the mainstream can provide.

Make it a gay, lesbian, bisexual, trans-gender, queer, non-homophobe, non-gender specific press and you lose our identity and undermine the solidarity that has helped us achieve what we have over the years.

This is not to say bisexuals should be excluded. But we need to keep the focus: the gay press is the homosexual voice in society, simple as that.

R CARVELLO, WOOLLAHRA

Capital Q.  
5 Feb 1993

**BISEXUAL CONCERN**

Dear Editor,

Mardi Gras continues to prove itself a show of solidarity for the gay and lesbian community, and ideally its the time of year when 'queers' of all persuasions put on a united front in a show of strength and solidarity equalised. It is also the time of year when our community should examine an issue which can become submerged as we all splinter off into the yearly drudgery, the problems of discrimination within our own community.

Initiatives are, and should be, taken to confront prejudice and discrimination, be it; between gays and lesbians, towards those living with HIV, in the flagrant racism displayed by some sections of our community, or through the stereotypic views encompassing everyone from "butch dykes" to transsexuals.

One issue, however, continues to be put in the too hard basket: That of bisexuality. There is a tendency by many sections of the community to sweep the bi issue under the mat, with attitudes such as "they haven't come out properly yet", or the outlook that bisexuals are somehow strange or dirty. Attitudes which should be sickeningly familiar to those of us who have experienced prejudice, discrimination and even violence due to our sexuality.

Even more concerning is the fact that these attitudes are displayed not only by the straight community but also by gays and lesbians who purport to be so concerned about the discrimination in their daily lives.

In some ways the worst aspect of this discrimination is that failing any well organised support from the gay/lesbian community, many bisexuals hide any straight or 'breeder' tendencies during the Mardi Gras Festival (itself a celebration of freedom of sexuality) for fear of persecution by their gay or lesbian brethren. A sad indictment of the fragmented nature of the queer alliance.

For me the acceptance of bisexuality as a legitimate sexual preference within the gay and lesbian community is a microcosm for the acceptance of us queers into wider society as a whole. So this Mardi Gras spare a thought for the bi boys and girls within your midst: (and there's lots of us here).

We simply love the person we love. Isn't that what it's all about?

Patrick Bell  
Paddington

Sydney Star Observer  
19 Feb. 1993.

**Any Thing That Moves.**

Magazine of the Bay Area Bisexual Network:-  
2404 California Street, San Francisco, CA 94115, USA

**Bi Focal -- Anything But Short-sighted.**

Newsletter of the Christchurch Bisexual Group:-  
PO Box 1372, Christchurch, New Zealand.

**Bi Focus.**

Newsletter for the Philadelphia Bisexual Community:-  
PO Box 30372, Philadelphia, PA 19103 USA.

**BIFRST.**

National Bisexual Newsletter for the United Kingdom:  
PO Box 117, Norwich NR1 2SU, United Kingdom.

**Bi-Lines.**

Newsletter of the Wellington Bisexual Women's  
Group:- PO Box 5145, Wellington, New Zealand.

**BiNet Newsletter.**

Newsletter of the Bisexual Network of the USA:-  
BiNet, 584 Castro Street #441, San Francisco, CA  
94114-2588, USA.

**National BIWAYS.**

Newsletter of the Bisexual Movement in Australia:-  
Australian Bisexual Network, PO Box 490, Lutwyche,  
Queensland, Australia 4030. Wayne (07) 857 2774.

**Bi Women.**

Newsletter of the Boston Bisexual Women's Network:  
338 Newbury Street #2020, Boston, MA 02115, USA.  
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Newsletter of the New York Area Bisexual Network:  
c/- Jaye Fox, 942 47th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11219,  
USA

**North Bi Northwest.**

Newsletter of the Seattle Bisexual Women's Network:  
PO Box 30645, Greenwood Station, Seattle,  
WA 98103-0645. USA.

**The Bi Monthly.**

Newsletter of the Champaign-Urbana Bisexual  
Network:- c/- Mc Kinley Foundation, 809 S. Fifth  
Street, Champaign, IL 61820, USA.

**SHAMAKAMI.**

Newsletter for lesbian and bisexual women feminists  
of South Asian descent:- PO Box 281, Balmain, NSW  
2040 or phone (02) 818 1468.

**LISTINGS****AUSTRALIA.****Australian Bisexual Network.**

National body for bisexual men, women and affiliated  
groups promoting bisexuality, bisexual rights, pride  
and advocacy for bisexuals. Produces *National Biways*  
a newsletter for the bisexual movement in Australia.  
PO Box 490, Lutwyche, QLD 4030.

**WESTERN AUSTRALIA.**

AIDS Helpline. (09) 227 8619.

AIDS Youthline. (09) 328 2644.

**Asians & Friends Perth.**

A social & support group for gay & bisexual Asian  
men and friends organised by WAAC, (09) 2278355.

**Bisexual & Married Gay Men's Group.**

A social & support group organised by the WA AIDS  
Council. tues Mondays (09) 328 2656.

**GALE.**

Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Equality - addressing  
issues of discrimination, equal opportunity, bashings,  
police harassment, violence against lesbians, gays and  
bisexuals in Western Australia. PO Box 912, West  
Perth, W.A. 6005.

**Curtin Stonewall Club.**

A social support group for lesbian, gay and bisexual  
students at Bentley Campus, Curtin University of  
Technology, Kent Street, Bentley, W.A. 6102. Ring  
(09) 351 2907 12 - 2pm M - F during semesters.

**ACT UP (Perth).**

A non-partisan diverse group of people united in anger  
to end the AIDS crisis. PO Box 231 Northbridge,  
W.A. 6003.

Police Liason Officer for the Gay , Lesbian &  
Bisexual Community in Western Australia, phone  
Sgt. Wayne Goodsell (09) 458 2656 to report police  
harassment.

**Western Australian Bisexual Network.**

*Perth Bisexual Guys' Group*  
*Perth Bisexual Women's Group*  
*Perth Mixed Group*  
*Perth Bi & Gay Fathers' Group*

PO Box 8378, Perth Stirling Street, Perth, WA 6849.  
Contact Les - (09) 227 9292 a/h or Bill (Fathers  
Group) - (09) 271 4171 a/h.

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

Bisexual And Married Homosexual Men's Group.  
A social support group organised by the AIDS Council  
of South Australia. PO Box 907, Norwood, S.A. 5067,-  
ph (08) 362 3106; a/h 7-10pm (08) 362 3223.

**Second Story Youth Centre.**

Services and support groups for young people  
including bisexual youth. 57 Hyde Street, Adelaide  
City, SA 5000. ph (08) 232 0233.

**South Australian Bisexual Network.**

Social and political network for bisexual women, men  
and friends. Write:- SABN, PO Box 3391, Grenfell  
Street, Adelaide, SA 5000.  
Contact Margaret (08) 344 6146.

**VICTORIA.****Australian Bisexual Men's Association.**

Social/support groups for bisexual men and married  
bisexual/gay men and their wives. GAMMA  
PROJECT offers telephone and face to face  
counselling for bisexual men and their partners, a  
resource library. 14A Churchill Street, Mont Albert,  
Victoria 3127. ph (03) 890 1068.

**GAMMA Melbourne.**

Social and support group for married gay/bisexual  
men, meets at Collingwood Community Health Centre,  
cnr. Sackville Street.Hoddle St. entrance, 8pm last  
Monday each month. write PO Box 41, Richmond,  
Victoria 3121.

**La Trobe Bi-Friendly Group.**

A social/support group for bisexual & bi-friendly  
students at La Trobe University. Write:- c/- S.R.C,  
La Trobe University, Bundoora, Victoria 3083.

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## **Relate.**

Social/support group for married gay men who wish to remain married. PO Box 441, Malvern, VIC. 3144.

## **Geelong Social & Support Group.**

Social/support group for gay and bisexual men. Write PO Box 596, Belmont, VIC 3216. ph (03) 43 9438.

## **Alternative Connections.**

Social club for gay and bisexual men in the Hamilton District. Write to AC-DC, PO Box 366, Hamilton, VIC. 3300.

## **Gippsland Gay People's Support Group.**

Social/support group for gay, lesbian & bisexual people in the Gippsland District. Write PO Box 848, Morwell, VIC. 3840. ph (051) 34 6117.

## **Scene.**

Gay and lesbian youth support group in the Shepparton District operates the Country Scene Information Line 0055.13159 (25cents/21.4sec). Write to Scene; PO Box 904, Shepparton, VIC. 3630.

## **Multicultural Gay Support Group.**

Social & support group for gay (& bisexual?) men from multicultural backgrounds. Write PO Box 1052, Elsternwick, VIC. 3185.

## **NEW SOUTH WALES.**

### **Love Is Boundless.**

Social support and political group for bisexual men and women and friends in and around Sydney New South Wales. Write:- L.I.B., PO Box 1827, Macquarie Centre, NSW 2113. Contact Adrian Millar (02)888 9856.

### **GAMMA (NSW).**

Social and support group for married, divorced gay/bisexual men meets 1st & 3rd Wednesday each month at 197 Albion Street, Surrey Hills, NSW 2010. ph 6-10pm on (02) 360 9810 or (008) 80 4617.

### **Queer Collaborations.**

National network for non-heterosexual/queer students. Write c/- Lesbian & Gay Officers, Students' Representative Council. Level 1, Wentworth Building, University of Sydney, NSW 2006.

## **AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY.**

### **Canberra Bi-link.**

Support/social group for married gay and bisexual women. Write PO Box 522, Dickson, ACT 2602.

## **QUEENSLAND.**

### **Queensland Bisexual Network.**

#### **Brisbane Bisexual Group**

A social support and political group for bisexual men and women. Write:- QBN (Brisbane), PO Box 490, Lutwyche, Qld 4030. Contact Wayne (07)857 2774 a/h.

## **NEW ZEALAND.**

### **Christchurch Bisexual Group.**

PO Box 1372, Christchurch, New Zealand.

### **Wellington Bisexual Women's Group.**

PO Box 5145, Wellington, New Zealand.

### **Wellington Gay & Bi Dads' Group.**

Contact John Boyd 885 5992 or write PO Box 10-245, Wellington, New Zealand.

## **RUSSIA.**

### **Moscow Bi-Sex Club.**

PO Box N3, Moscow 123308, Russia.

## **THE NETHERLANDS.**

### **Vereniging Landelijk Network Bisexualiteit.**

Postbus 75087, 1070 AB Amsterdam, The Netherlands:

## **UNITED KINGDOM.**

### **Bifrost.**

National newsletter and information for the UK. Write PO Box 117, Norwich NR1 2SU, United Kingdom.

### **Edinburgh Bisexual Group.**

Operates the Bisexual Pen Pals Scheme and houses Bisexual Archives. 58a Broughton Street, Edinburgh EH1 3SA, Scotland.

### **London Bisexual Group.**

Write BM/BI, London WC1N 3XX, United Kingdom.

### **London Bisexual Women's Group.**

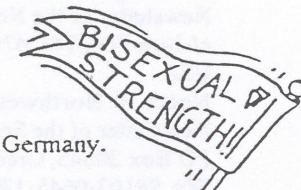
Write BM/LBWG, London WC1N 3XX, UK.

For information on other UK Bi groups contact WA Bisexual Network.

## **GERMANY.**

### **Di Lade.**

Karl Marx Strasse 58, 1000 Berlin 44, Germany.



## **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**

### **Bisexual Network of the USA.**

BiNet, national organisation for the USA. Write:- 584 Castro Street #441, San Francisco, CA 94114, USA.

### **Bi Unity.**

PO Box 42106, Philadelphia, PA 19101, USA.

### **Seattle Bisexual Women's Network.**

PO Box 30645, Greenwood Station, Seattle, WA 98103-0645, USA.

### **Portland Bisexual Women's Group.**

PO Box 10863, Portland, OR 97210 USA.

### **East Coast Bisexual Network.**

2nd Floor, 338 Newbury Street, Boston, MA 02115, USA.

### **Bi Connection.**

PO Box 13158, Minneapolis, MN 55414, USA.

For other USA Bi groups see Media Listings.

## **CANADA.**

### **Bi-Focus.**

PO Box 34172 Post Office D, Vancouver, BC, Canada V6J 4N1.

### **Ontario Bisexual Network.**

519 Church Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M4Y 3C9.



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- BI MAN/STRAIGHT WOMAN COUPLE
- BI WOMAN/STRAIGHT MAN COUPLE
- BI TRANSEXUAL MALE
- BI TRANSEXUAL FEMALE
- STRAIGHT COUPLE
- GAY WOMAN or LESBIAN
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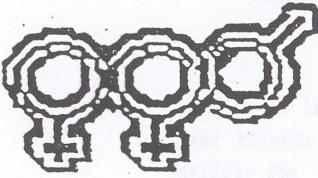
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- TRANSSEXUAL/TRANSVESTITE WOMAN

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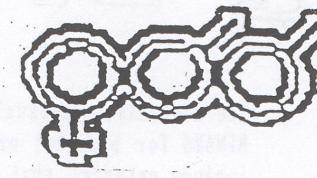
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POST TO:- Australian Bisexual Network, PO Box 490, Lutwyche, QLD. 4030.



## REGISTRATION FORM

### AUSTRALIAN BISEXUAL NETWORK MEMBERSHIP / SUBSCRIPTION



#### MEMBERSHIP

I wish to apply for membership of the Australian Bisexual Network which I understand entitles me to a vote at any formal meetings of the Network, seek endorsement to a position on the Network committee, a subscription to the Australian Bisexual Network newsletter: *National BIWAYS* and other entitlements that may be bestowed on members.

SURNAME: ..... CHRISTIAN NAMES: .....

ADDRESS: .....

..... POSTCODE: .....

TELEPHONE NO.: ..... home ..... business

Is discretion needed should we need to contact you by phone?

I am already a financial member of WABN/SABN/LIB/QBN

#### NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION ONLY

I wish to take out a subscription to *National BIWAYS* the national newsletter of the bisexual movement in Australia.

SURNAME: ..... CHRISTIAN NAMES: .....

ADDRESS: .....

..... POSTCODE: .....

I have already paid a subscription to *BIWAYS* which will transferred to *National BIWAYS* (please tick)

My postal details are as above.

#### DONATION

I wish to make a donation of \$5 (or amount given below) to ABN to help with the running costs and services (please tick)

Membership \$20/\$12 conc. \$.....

Subscription Only \$15/\$10 conc. \$.....

Donation \$.....

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$.....

SIGNATURE: ..... DATE: .....

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PO BOX 490  
LUTWYCHE  
QUEENSLAND  
AUSTRALIA 4030

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